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# REPORTS

OF THE

# TREASURER, AUDITORS, FARM AGENT

AND

# SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1868.

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# REPORT.

| William E. Cogswell in account with the town of He                                   | enniker, as |
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| Treasurer, for 1867,   | DR.         |
| To cash remaining in the hands of the Treasure                                       | r           |
| for 1866,  | \$2,420.72  |
| Received of selectmen,   | 4,601.03    |
| Received of D. F. Wyman, collector, the  |             |
| amount of taxes committed to him, for  | r           |
| collection,  | 11,027.48   |
| Received of D. F. Wyman, interest on taxes   | 8, 79.24    |
| Received of the town of Hillsborough for   | r           |
| wood furnished James M. Flanders,  | 15.94       |
| Received from banks, as stock tax,   | 77.99       |
| Received of the town of Weare, for assist-   |             |
| ance rendered Reuben G. White,   | 29.75       |
| Received of W. S. Childs, unexpended   |             |
| highway tax for 1866,  | 3.40        |
| Received of Zebulon Foster, for land sold  |             |
| by vote of town,   | 40.60       |
| Received of State Treasurer, savings bank  |             |
| tax,   | 504.25      |
| Received of State Treasurer, railroad tax  |             |
| State Treasurer, literary fund   | 46.95       |
| State Treasurer, U.S. bountie  |             |
| School District No. 11; fo   |             |
| lumber,  | 33.53       |
| Received of G. D. Gould, for bark,   | 10.00       |
|  | \$19,455.74 |
|  | "           |
| William E. Cogswell, aforesaid, in account with<br>Henniker, as Treasurer, for 1867, | CR.         |
| Paid James Gibson, for labor, snowing bridge in 186                                  | 6.          |
| and digging grave for R. Marsh,  | \$5.25      |
| Paid W. H. Sawyer, for support of water trough                                       |             |
| 1865 and 1866,   | 6.00        |
|  |             |

| Paid W. C. Cogswell, for support of water trough, in |           |
|--|-----------|
| 1866.  | 3.00      |
| Paid G. E. Barnes, for support of water trough, in   |           |
| 1866,  | 3.00      |
| Paid W. P. Cressey, for support of water trough in   | -         |
| 1866,  | 3.00      |
| Paid Warren Sanborn, for work on highway,            | 2.08      |
| T. J. & J. B. Wiggin, for work on highway,           | 5.50      |
| G. L. Kimball, for work on highway,                  | 1.50      |
| S. B. Heath, for work on highway,                    | 2.00      |
| Jason H. Whitney, for work on highway,               | 4.00      |
| Willard Rice, interest on note,                      | 18.00     |
| Luther H. Whitcomb, interest on note,                | 9.54      |
| Leonard Wood, interest on note,                      | 78.00     |
| George W. Kenney, interest on note,                  | 6.00      |
| James Wilkins, coffin for R. Marsh,                  | 8.00      |
| J. G. Wadsworth, note and interest,                  | 213.55    |
| Ira C. Phillips, note and interest,                  | 231.73    |
| Mary C. Gove, note and interest,                     | 1162.95   |
| Warren S. Foster, note and interest,                 | 310.32    |
| Samuel M. Currier, note and interest,                | 105.06    |
| Jenny Wood, note and interest,                       | 416.54    |
| William G. Harriman, note and interest,              | 528.22    |
| Charles Blake, note and interest,                    | 51.84     |
| Moses Colby, note and interest,                      | 92.24     |
| O. H. Noyes, for over taxation,                      | 9.40      |
| W. B. Barnes, school money due Dis. No. 11 for '6    | 6, 136.13 |
| J. B. Brown, " " " 10 "                              |           |
| J. M. Paige, "him in 1866,                           | 4.00      |
| G. W. Cogswell, for breaking roads in 1866 and '6'   | 7, 9.75   |
| J. J. Huntington, "                                  | 30.55     |
| M. Dustan, "   | 6.07      |
| C. S. Dodge, ""                                      | 23.91     |
| G. L. Kimball, "                                     | 33.48     |
| F. Whitney,  | 12.95     |
| E. B. Huntington, "                                  | 14.82     |
| A. Caldwell, "                                       | 17.25     |
| D. Chase, "  | 48.96     |
| A. Whitcomb,   | 28.93     |
| E. Hemphill,   | 14.02     |
| Wyer Gove, "   | 11.85     |
| J. A. Newton, "                                      | 30.76     |
| R. D. Rice,  | 12.57     |
| Albert Gove, "                                       | 26.57     |

| Paid Freeman E. Colby, for | hreaking re  | ads in '66 and '6    | 7. 15.43 |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| J. G. Dustan,              | 66           | 66                   | 9.35     |
| J. S. Elliott,             | 66           | 46                   | 20.41    |
| J. B. Wood,                | 66           | (6)                  | 37.73    |
| C. A. Bean,                | 66           | 66                   | 24.05    |
| A. P. Wiggin,              | 46           | 66                   | 11.12    |
| W. D. Harwood,             | 66           | 53                   | 48.43    |
| G. A. Eastman,             | 66           | 66                   | 18.39    |
| Francis Colby,             | 66           | 66                   | 39.86    |
| David Plumer,              | 46           | 66                   | 43.40    |
| Wallace Dow,               | 35           | 66                   | 16.26    |
| J. Chase, Adm'r of L.      | Hawthow      | no'a actata for      | 10.20    |
| breaking roads in          |              |                      | 30.80    |
| S. A. Morse, for break     |              |                      |          |
|                            | ing roads i  | 11 1000 and 01,      | 40.91    |
| H. Morrill,                | 66           | 66                   |          |
| T. W. Sargent,             | 66           | 46                   | 7.47     |
| Nathaniel Chase,           | 66           | "                    | 20.81    |
| W. O. Flanders,            | 66           | 66                   | 12.98    |
| W. H. Gilmore,             | Jee          | 66                   | 3.11     |
| C. H. Noyes,               |              |                      | 10.52    |
| Moses F. Hoyt, for ser     | rvices on to | own farm,            | 225.00   |
| J. Foster, Adm'r of T      |              | man's estate,        | 100 00   |
| note and interest,         |              | . 1000               | 438.69   |
| Leonard Wood for sno       | wing bridg   | e in 1866,           | 3.50     |
| W. C. Flanders for         | wood furn    | ushed J. M.          | 4201     |
| Flanders,                  |              |                      | 15.94    |
| Moses Colby, note in p     |              | 0.10                 | 107.76   |
| A. D. L. F. Connor fo      |              |                      | 11.00    |
| G. W. Rice for cash        |              |                      |          |
| Cornish for the su         | ipport of J  | oseph Terry's        |          |
| family,                    |              | THE PROPERTY.        | 30.20    |
| Abijah Hildreth for re     |              |                      | 23.30    |
| Jason H. Whitney           | 66           | "                    | 4.00     |
| Harlow B. Campbell         |              | "                    | 11.57    |
| Jackson P. Dow             |              | "                    | 46.17    |
| Daniel Cogswell            |              | "                    | 13.58    |
| John F. Perry              |              | "                    | 34.12    |
| Hiram Green,               | "            | 66 /                 | 15.00    |
| D. W. Cogswell, Ager       |              | part,                | 101.66   |
| Cyrus Goss for use of      | town,        | STORES OF THE STORES | 37.42    |
| Paul Morrill, note and     |              | AND THE PARTY OF THE | 789.73   |
| T. H. Connor,              | "            |                      | 270.04   |
| Jane M. Peaslee,           | "            |                      | 182.10   |
| George W. Kenney,          | 66           |                      | 103.90   |
|                            |              |                      |          |

| 33 . 3 | TDD  | 111.00              |
|--------|--|---------------------|
| Paid   | J. B. Brown, note and interest,  | 114.26              |
|        | G. L. Kimball, "   | 422.00              |
|        | W. D. Poster,  | 311.85              |
|        | wyer dove,   | 107.73              |
|        | Otis Cole for services as S. S. Committee,   | 20.00               |
|        | J. T. Goss, county tax,  | 1299.01             |
|        | W. C. Cogswell, interest on notes,   | 12.86               |
|        | W. O. Folsom,  | 24.00               |
|        | Mary L. N. Connor, "   | 6.42                |
|        | G. W. Cogswell, "  | 39.00               |
|        | J. Cogswell, "   | 26.19               |
|        | Luther H. Whitcomb, "  | 6.00                |
|        | Town of Hopkinton, for support of J. P. Sargent,   | 414.87              |
|        | Minot & Mudgridge, costs on J. P. Sargent's case,  | 31.65               |
|        | Eli Carter, note and interest,   | 552.81              |
|        | F. Whitney, Adm'r of P. Smith's estate, notes  |                     |
|        | and interest,  | 706.74              |
|        | G. A. Barnes, for repairing highway and bridge,  | 6.84                |
|        | John Peters, for abatement of poll tax,  | 4.20                |
|        | Gibson & Straw, for nails and spikes for repairing   |                     |
|        | bridges,   | 13.94               |
|        | J. Foster, for making out papers and taking affidavi   |                     |
|        | Burton Wadsworth, for cash advanced for advertis-  |                     |
|        | ing town farm,   | 4.50                |
|        | Warren Clark, for services as S. S. Committee,   | 30.00               |
|        | " legal services for the town,   | 29.50               |
| 1-8    | Nathan M. Blood, services on town farm (in part,)  | 100.00              |
|        | Warren Sanborn, for damage sustained by defect   | 20.00               |
|        | in highway,  | 20.00               |
|        | Thomas Wiggin, for same,   | 1.00                |
|        | Samuel H. Jones, for expenses of County Commis-  |                     |
|        | sioners in laying out road near J. B. Brown's,   | 62.56               |
|        | E. W. Rice, for work on highway,   | $\frac{3.30}{3.25}$ |
|        | II. M. Itile   | 12.60               |
|        | Harris Campbell, interest on note,   | 12.75               |
|        | E. C. Eastman, for record books,   | 6.00                |
|        | T. Livingston, for boarding F. Livingston,   | 482.23              |
|        | Sarah B. Cummings, note and interest,<br>Independent Press Association, for printing Town  | 404.40              |
|        | Reports for 1866,  | 43.00               |
|        | G. W. Rice, for labor and cash advanced for labor  | 10.00               |
|        | on Ring bridge,  | 74.75               |
|        | G. H. Farrar, for bridge plank and drawing derrick   |                     |
|        | from Warner,   | 9.26                |
|        | E. B. Huntington, interest on notes,   | 53.93               |
|        | The restricting of the state of | 30.00               |

| Paid | John Chase, interest on notes,                     | 24.00   |
|------|--|---------|
|      | E. W. Flint, "                                     | 6.18    |
|      | D. K. Robbins, for laying shingles on the lowe     |         |
|      | covered bridge,                                    | 34.23   |
|      | D. K. Robbins, for lumber furnished and labor or   |         |
|      | same bridge,                                       | 44.68   |
|      | C. H. Courser, for shingles,                       | 109.55  |
|      |  |         |
|      | C. A. Bean, for drawing derrick to Hopkinton and   |         |
|      | drawing logs and stones,                           | 5.00    |
|      | J. S. Craig, for nursing and boarding R. G. White  |         |
|      | G. W. Rice, for labor and cash advanced for labo   |         |
|      | on bridge near A. P. Wiggin's,                     | 153.67  |
|      | Cyrus Goss, for labor and cash advanced for labor  |         |
|      | on bridge near Joseph Hardy's,                     | 145.50  |
|      | W. O. Flanders, for labor, lumber and stone fur    |         |
|      | nished for same bridge,                            | 28.20   |
|      | I. P. Chase, for medical attendance on R. G. Whi   |         |
|      | Micajah Peaslee, for work on highway,              | 20.25   |
|      | W. D. Harwood, "                                   | 5.00    |
|      | J. B. Wiggin, "                                    | .75     |
|      | D. A. Putney, "                                    | 15.62   |
|      | Silas Barnes, "                                    | 3.03    |
|      | J. S. Craig, for bridge plank,                     | 4.69    |
|      | C. S. Dodge, for over taxation,                    | 1.75    |
|      | Ebenezer Flanders, "                               | 1.75    |
|      | Charles Knott, for guide-board,                    | 1.25    |
|      | J. K. Connor for work on road,                     | .50     |
|      | Peter Sanborn, State tax,                          | 3218.75 |
|      | John Gutterson for bridge plank,                   | 7.60    |
|      | James Gibson for wood and taking care of town      |         |
|      | house,   | 5.00    |
|      | Sarah Newhall for over taxation,                   | 3.50    |
|      | James Fellows for services in the case of Henniker | 0.00    |
|      |  | 37.80   |
|      | vs. Hopkinton, and cash paid for counsel,          | 10.00   |
|      | S. K. Paige for splitting stone,                   | .80     |
|      | Harris Campbell for breaking road,                 |         |
|      | J. K. Plumer, Pru. Com. for School Dist. No. 1,    | 104.26  |
|      | S. A. Morse,                                       | 62.86   |
|      | ii. D. Campbell,                                   | 76.66   |
|      | F. E. Colby,                                       | 84.19   |
|      | r. doss,   | 100.50  |
|      | U. A. Darnes,                                      | 75.41   |
|      | G. D. Tucker, " 7,                                 | 113.05  |
|      | A. D. L. F. Connor, "8,                            | 79:18   |
|      | T. F. Huntington, " 10,                            | 67.89   |
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| Paid W. B. Barnes, Pru. Com. for School Dist. No. 11,   | 169.51 |
| H. Green, " 12,   | 64.12  |
| B. F. Kimball, " " 13,  | 57.72  |
| Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,   | 11.70  |
| John Danforth, his proportion of school money,  | 7.29   |
| Joseph Barnard, for over taxation,  | 6.00   |
| A. R. Flanders, for over taxation,  | 1.00   |
| W. P. Cressey, support of water trough,   | 3.00   |
| W. C. Cogswell, support of water trough,  | 3.00   |
| Paul Morrill, for expenses of town officers,  | 7.25   |
| Nathaniel Page, error in tax,   | 1.75   |
| W. E. Cogswell, services as Town Clerk,   | 25.00  |
| " " Treasurer,  | 30.00  |
| W. E. Cogswell, for recording births, deaths and  |        |
| marriages,  | 3.18   |
|   |        |
| D. F. Wyman, for abatement of the taxes for 1866, of E. W. Barnes, 12.97; H. Page, 4.51; H.   |        |
| W. Gordon, 4.51; A. N. Dodge, error in ta,  |        |
| 1.00; G. W. Hemphill, 5.51; heirs of J. San-  |        |
| born, 3.07; Martha Ordway, 8.52,  | 40.09  |
| For abatement of the taxes for 1867 of Otis Cole,   |        |
| 5.06; heirs of Oliver Holmes, 1.00; R. G.   |        |
| White, 4.20; J. H. Ray, error in tax, 7.73;   |        |
| Henry N. Hoyt, 4.20,  | 22.19  |
| G. W. Rice, for services as Selectman,  | 69.74  |
| R. C. Hale, "   | 68.00  |
| C. Goss, "  | 66.75  |
| C. Goss, for time and expense in pauper case, &c.,  | 12.75  |
| R. C. Hale, labor on bridges, drawing plank, boards,  |        |
| shingles, timber and cash advanced,   | 36.25  |
| G. W. Rice, for labor, time and expense in pauper   |        |
| case, cash advanced for stationery and support  |        |
| of paupers, recording valuation book, &c.,  | 44.67  |
| D. F. Wyman, non-resident highway tax,  | 26.60  |
| for services as Collector,  | 80.00  |
| R. A. Dannatt, for support of water-trough,   | 3.00   |
| expense of town officers,   | 18.50  |
| for assisting strangers and team to   |        |
| Warner,   | 6.10   |
| Nathan Sawyer, for services as Auditor,   | 1.50   |
| Jeremiah Foster, " "  | 1.50   |
| W. O. Folsom, "   | 1.50   |
| Cash remaining in hands of Treasurer, 2,  | 142.37 |
|   |        |

Money arising from the assessments on dogs, from 1863 to 1867, and which has been considered the same as other money of the town, but now ordered to be distributed among the several School districts, thus showing a deficiency in the amount of money remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, as per last year's report, \$316.00 Assessments for 1867. 80.00 \$396.00 4.00

Paid William O. Flanders, for sheep killed by dog,

Balance in hands of Treasurer,

\$392.00

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHAN SAWYER, JEREMIAH FOSTER, W. O. FOLSOM,

# PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

Nathan F. Blood, Ag't, in acc't with the Town of Henniker, Dr.

Cash received from Agent last year, \$10.57; shote, 24.61; oats, 1.50; pigs, 13.00; hay, 3.00; calves, 10.50; neat stock, 326.50; grass, 7.00; straw, 9.91; work on road, .87; apples, 49.00; butter, 37.28; eggs, 3.64; hide, 5.65; keeping peddler, .85; pasturing 6.00; for boarding David Buxton, 38.25; breaking roads, 2.70. Total, \$550.83

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Paid for neat stock, \$215.00; flour and wheat, 57.00; doctor's bill, 2.00; threshing, 3.66; making eider, 2.00; John B. Copp, balance on account, .75; grass-seed, 5.84; shoes, 3.62; fresh meat, 2.75; labor, 55.61; rye, 4.44; sleigh, 15.00; repairs on pump, 1.55; use of male animals, 7.00; shoemaking, 2.60; corn and meal, 16.80; blacksmithing, groceries, household articles and farming tools, 92.75; cash in Agent's hands, 62.46. Total, \$550.83

Town Farm in account with the Town of Henniker, DR.

To amount of real and personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, February 24, 1867, \$3,982.52
Interest on same, 238.95
Agent's compensation, 250.00

\$4,471.47

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By real estate, By personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, Feb. 19, 1868, as follows:

| Neat stock and horse, \$545.00; hay, \$280.00; corn,  |        |
|---|--------|
| \$60.00; wheat, \$51.00; beans, \$14.00; peas,        | •      |
| \$2.00; fresh beef, \$15.00; shoats, \$30.00; farm-   |        |
| ing tools and furniture, \$250.00; salt beef, \$6.00; |        |
| salt pork, \$25.00; soap andgrease, \$6.00; vinegar,  |        |
| \$3.00; cider, \$10.00; apples, \$7.00; potatoes,     |        |
| \$35.00; cheese, \$8.00; tallow, \$3.00; lard,        |        |
| \$6.00; butter, \$6.00; hams and shoulders, \$14.00;  |        |
| dried fruit, \$3,60. Amount, \$3,9                    | 79.60  |
| Cash in Agent's hands,                                | 62.46  |
| Due for support of Mary B. Whitman,                   | 52.00  |
| Total, \$4,0  | 94.06  |
| Balance against the Farm, \$5                         | 377.41 |

Paupers supported on the Farm the past year.

| David Connor,                    |       | aged 84 years. |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Mary Whitman,                    | į.    | aged 45 years. |
| Hiram Colby,                     |       | aged 48 years. |
| George May, till May 24,         |       | aged 10 years. |
| David Buxton, seventeen weeks,   |       | aged 74 years. |
| Frank Levingston, since Nov. 30, | 1867, | aged 35 years. |

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures, embraced in the foregoing report of the Agent of the town's farm, and find them correctly cast.

NATHAN SAWYER,
JEREMIAH FOSTER,
W. O. FOLSOM,

Auditing
Committee.

## Finances of the Town.

| Due on notes outstanding against the town,      | \$27,335.00 |
|---|-------------|
| Due James B. Brown, for land damage,            | 110.00      |
| Due on other bills exclusive of breaking roads, | 25.00       |
|   | \$27,470.00 |
| Contra.   |             |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer,                     | 2,142.37    |
| Balance against the town,                       | \$25,327.63 |

## REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. Otis Cole was appointed Superintending School Committee and attended to the duties of his office until the close of the Summer schools, when, in consequence of ill health, he was obliged to resign his position, much to the regret of his successor and the people of the town generally. He reports that "the schools during the Summer were not marked by any great defects or excellencies," and that "all the teachers deserve commendation for faithful, earnest labor, and for a good degree of success." He also gives the following brief individual reports of the Summer schools.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term. Mrs. Ellen F. Kimball, Teacher. Special mention should be made of Mrs. Kimball. Her school was a very hard one and she labored very faithfully, and until pretty thoroughly weary. The school was a good one for that place.

WINTER TERM. E. Harvey Edmunds, Teacher. The general appearance of the school at both visits was good. It is rather backward and requires unusual patience and perseverance on the part of the teacher. It was evident that much pains had been taken by him, with good results. Writing received due attention, and the books which we had the pleasure of examining gave evidence of good improvement in this much neglected branch of education.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

SUMMER TERM. Martha E. Chase, Teacher. Miss Chase

did very well with the timber she had.

WINTER TERM. Martha E. Chase, Teacher. Everything connected with this school wore an air of perfect confidence and respect. There were but few scholars, but those few were obedient and attentive, and, though not far advanced, they seemed to have made excellent progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

SUMMER TERM. Nellie M. Colby, Teacher. Both teacher and scholars are worthy of credit.

WINTER TERM. Sam. K. Page, Teacher. A worthy young

man, of moderate pretentions, commenced the school and taught a short time, when he discovered symptoms of insubordination which it would require a strong hand to quell. Not feeling equal to the task he gave it up, and Mr. Page took his place. "Reconstruction" progressed favorably; "loyalty" resumed its sway; order rose from chaos; and at our final visit we could truly say to teacher and scholars — well done.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

SUMMER TERM. Mary A. Childs, Teacher. We visited this school but once. Never heard of any dissatisfaction. A little more energy would be a good thing. The school was very small.

WINTER TERM. James P. Kelly, Teacher. Mr. Kelly, though young and with but little experience as a teacher, entered the school a perfect stranger, evidently gained the good will of his scholars, and taught a very profitable term. He is an active and thorough teacher, and manages with good judgment. Appearances indicated that the scholars co-operated with the teacher and performed their part well.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term. Ellen E. Patterson, Teacher. This is one of the most difficult schools in town. We do not think that Miss Patterson enjoyed teaching very well; not so well as the scholars enjoy play. Still there was marked improvement during the term. Miss Patterson was as faithful in her work as any teacher in town.

WINTER TERM. Achsa L. Cheney, Teacher. Our opinion of this teacher has been previously expressed in the Town Report in very favorable terms, and we have since seen no reason to modify that opinion. The conduct of the scholars as witnessed by the committee, and the testimony of the teacher in their praise, are highly creditable to them. Their voluntary good conduct, doubtless, tended to increase the pleasantness and prosperity of the school. A large number of interested visitors were present at the close.

### DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term. Georgia M. Patterson, Teacher. This was a good school. Miss Patterson enjoys teaching little people.

WINTER TERM. Georgia M. Patterson, Teacher. The teacher seemed to have exerted herself to the best of her ability for the advancement of her scholars, and a fair degree of success rewarded her efforts. Several scholars were mentioned in the register as remarkably prompt and regular in attendance, and we noticed that those scholars were generally the brightest and best in the school.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term. Clara A. Flanders, Teacher. This was Miss Flanders' first school. She did very well. Not quite enough governing ability, and yet her influence in the school-room was very healthy. She deserves encouragement.

WINTER TERM. Mary F. Underwood, Teacher. The large experience and good judgment of the teacher enabled her to manage successfully this somewhat notorious school. The good behavior of the scholars, their appearance at the final examination, and the universal testimony of the people of the district, indicated a profitable term. The school-house is in a wretched condition and is fast growing worse.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term. Frances H. Perry, Teacher. We visited the school but once — were prevented from making a second

visit by accident. Miss Perry undoubtedly did well.

WINTER TERM. Lizzie M. Goss, Teacher. Truth and justice compel us to say that in our experience with the Winter schools we found this excelled by no other. A remarkable faculty to govern, good ability and aptness to teach, are all happily combined in the teacher. The prompt, orderly and attentive habits of the scholars deserve the highest praise. A large number of visitors were present at the close of the term and were well paid for their pains.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term. Clara I. Bickford, Teacher. Miss Bickford is in some respects a superior teacher. She made this a very interesting school; but, like all schools, it was in some respects a success, in some a failure. The examination (?) was quite fine.

WINTER TERM. Mehitable Kidder, Teacher. This district has now the advantage of nearly all others in town in having a very beautiful school-house, spacious and convenient. The teacher entered the school with considerable experience, and as an instructor she succeeded remarkably well. The committee and several visitors were well entertained at the final examination. If we were obliged to find fault we would only say that some of the smaller scholars were too noisy. The conduct of the larger ones was unexceptional.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Under the Somersworth Act. No report.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

FALL TERM. Frances H. Perry and Clara A. Flanders, Teachers. The school commenced and continued six weeks while there was no Superintending School Committee able to act, under the instruction of Miss Perry, a teacher in good standing; when, after some trouble with the Prudential Committee, she refused to teach longer. Miss Flanders taught the remaining six weeks of the term. The school was small, and the teacher young, with but little experience. Good progress was made in study, and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

SUMMER TERM. Abbie F. Straw, Teacher. Was visited but once. Know of no reason why it was not a profitable term. Fall Term. Abbie F. Straw, Teacher. We visited the school once, near its close, and found but few scholars. Those few and the teacher appeared to good advantage and doubtless

passed a pleasant term.

The condition of the Winter schools is perhaps sufficiently set forth in the foregoing individual reports, and yet we would add a few words generally. A large majority of the teachers were females, and a majority of those were teachers of considerable experience and good reputation. We could not fail to expect at least a fair degree of success. Several succeeded beyond our expectation, while others hardly came up to it; yet we are disposed to look charitably upon all, well knowing that our limited opportunities for judging may not in all cases have brought to view many excellencies that really did exist.

Many teachers who have labored faithfully and with good effect have regretted that they could not accomplish more; one of the reasons why they could not was a constant interruption, day after day, by tardiness. There are undoubtedly instances where tardiness is excusable; but no person at all familiar with schools and their management will believe that one fourth of the tardiness in some schools was necessary. No scholar should be suffered to interrupt a school in this manner without a good excuse, and none should give his own convenience as an excuse, for the convenience of the teacher and the welfare of the school are of far more importance than the convenience of any scholar. Parents can remedy this evil if they will; it is impossible for a teacher to do it without the parents' assistance. They should look to this matter closely, and if necessary apply the remedy themselves.

We have noticed that those schools were most prosperous where the scholars were taught to rely most upon themselves; and in those schools, generally, we saw no whispering nor com-

munication of any kind among the scholars.

Some teachers in small schools assist their scholars too much for the scholar's benefit; assistance is very necessary, and is, of course, to be rendered by the teacher, whose aim it should be



to draw out and expand the mind of the scholar by a system of questioning, perhaps giving such suggestions as may be proper, rather than to attempt to fill the mind at once, before it fairly

comprehends the object to be accomplished.

The literary qualifications of the teachers were, we think, far above the average in our few years' experience, yet we found in the Registers a few departures from both Webster and Worcester in spelling. If all had made general remarks in the Register our list might possibly be longer.

But lest we may be accused of unnecessary fault-finding, we will close our remarks by saying that notwithstanding all their faults, our schools have done sufficiently well to encourage all interested parties in laboring diligently for their further ad-

vancement.

#### WARREN CLARK,

Superintending School Committee.

HENNIKER, N. H., March 3, 1868.

#### STATISTICAL TABLE.

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| 1                   | Summer.    | Ellen F. Kimball.   25 21 7   \$18.00 10   20   E. Harvey Edmunds.   32 27   8   42.00   5   18                      |
| 2                   | Summer.    | Martha E. ( hase   |
|                     | Winter     | Martha E. Chase  |
| 3                   | Winter     | Sam K. Page  |
| 4                   | Summer.    | Mary A. Childs. 13 12 11 16.00 13 107 James P Kelley. 21 19 9 25.00 10 138   |
|                     | (Summer.   | Ellen E. Patterson   |
| 5                   | Winter     | Achsa L. Cheney  |
| 6                   | Summer.    |  |
|                     | (Summer.   | Clara A. Flanders  |
| 7                   | Winter     | Mary F. Underwood  |
| 8                   | Summer.    | Frances H. Perry   |
| -                   | Summer.    |  |
| 10                  | Winter     | Mehitable Kidder 9692 12 16.00 24 70   |
| 12                  | } Fall     | Frances H, Perry     14 9 12 18.00 9 21  |
| 13                  |            | Abbie F. Straw 6 6 6 16.00 3 3   |
| .10                 | Fall       | Abbie F. Straw   |